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8: Kayoko Kotohiki

1: Mizuho Inada

15: Shuuya Nanahara

8: Yoji Kuramoto

1: Yoshio Akamatsu

16: Yuka Nakagawa

9: Yuko Sakaki

2: Yukio Utsumi

16: Kazushi Niida

9: Hiroshi Kuronaga

2: Keita Iijima

17: Satomi Noda

10: Hirono Shimizu

3: Megumi Etou

17: Mitsuru Numai

10: Ryuhei Sasagawa

3: Tatsumichi Ooki

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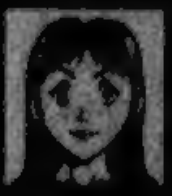
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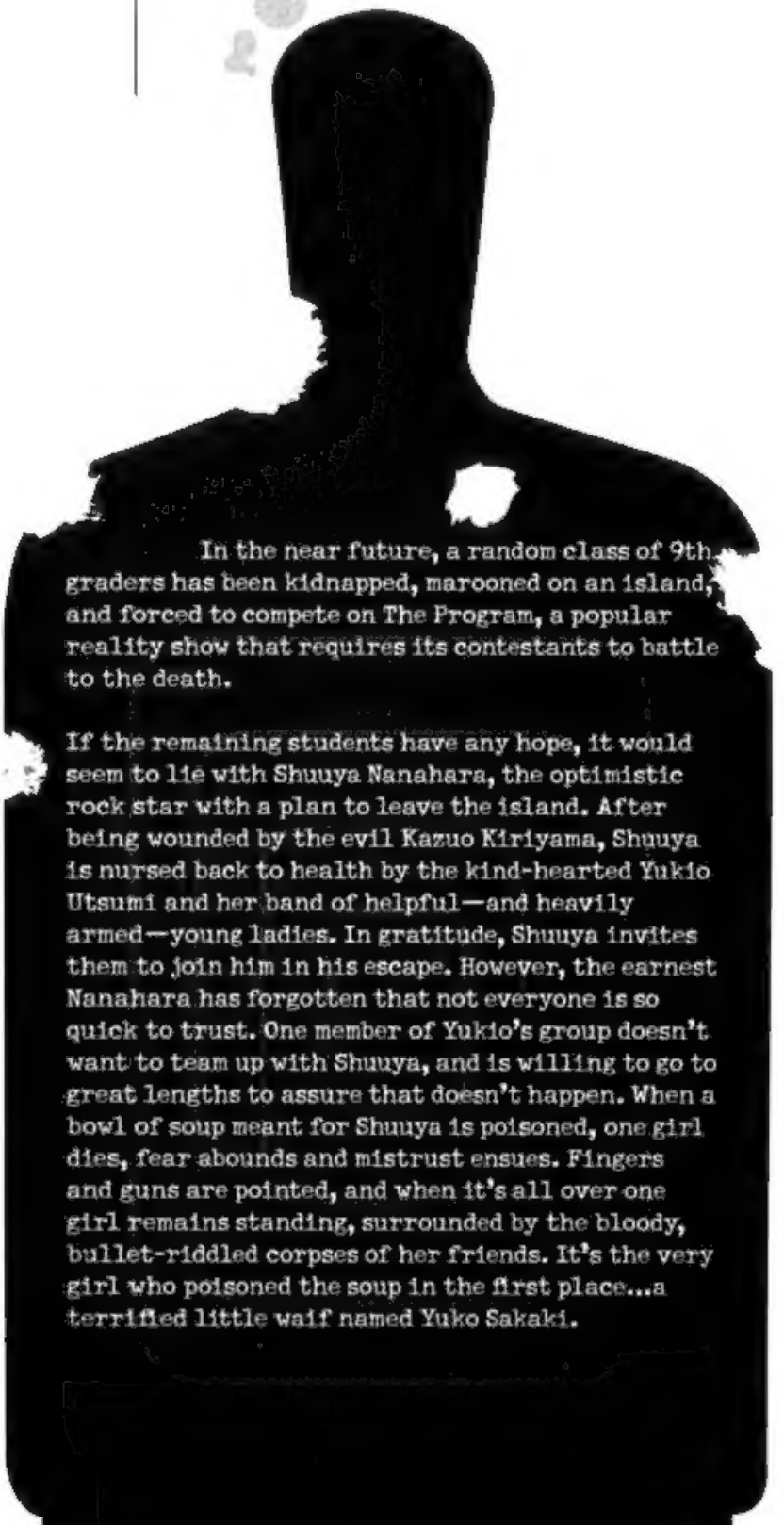

In the near future, a random class of 9th graders has been kidnapped, marooned on an island, and forced to compete on The Program, a popular reality show that requires its contestants to battle to the death.

If the remaining students have any hope, it would seem to lie with Shuuya Nanahara, the optimistic rock star with a plan to leave the island. After being wounded by the evil Kazuo Kiriyama, Shuuya is nursed back to health by the kind-hearted Yukio Utsumi and her band of helpful—and heavily armed—young ladies. In gratitude, Shuuya invites them to join him in his escape. However, the earnest Nanahara has forgotten that not everyone is so quick to trust. One member of Yukio's group doesn't want to team up with Shuuya, and is willing to go to great lengths to assure that doesn't happen. When a bowl of soup meant for Shuuya is poisoned, one girl dies, fear abounds and mistrust ensues. Fingers and guns are pointed, and when it's all over one girl remains standing, surrounded by the bloody, bullet-riddled corpses of her friends. It's the very girl who poisoned the soup in the first place...a terrified little waif named Yuko Sakaki.

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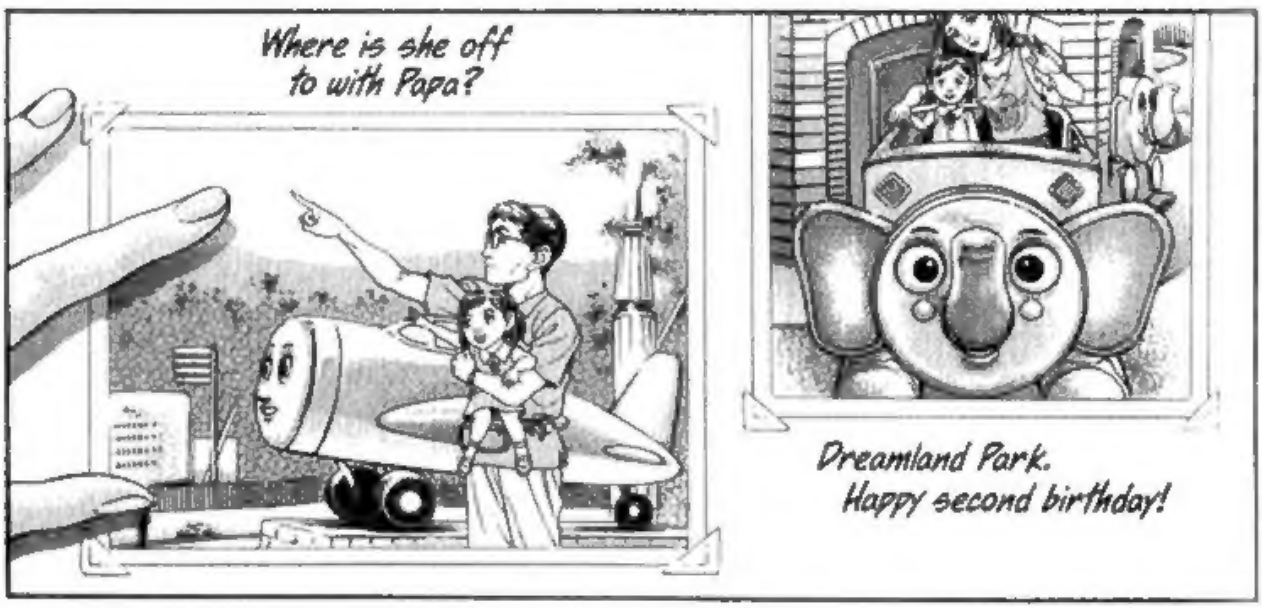
Where is she off to with Papa?
Dreamland Park.
Happy second birthday!

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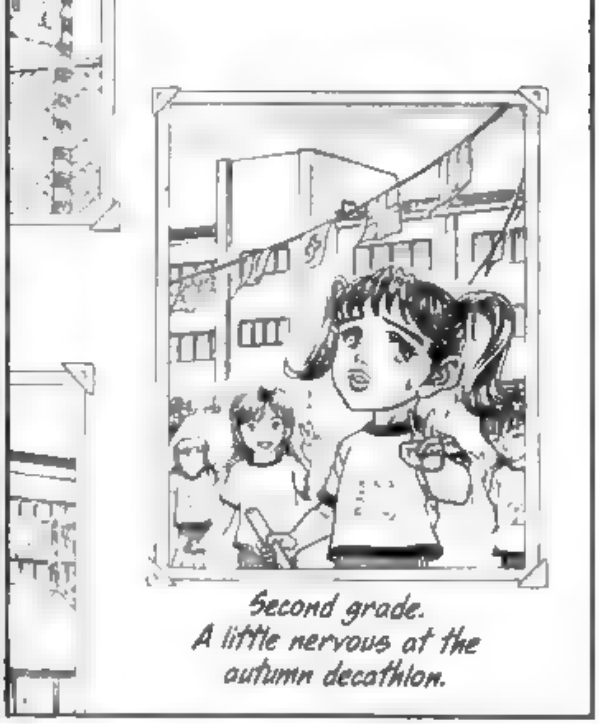
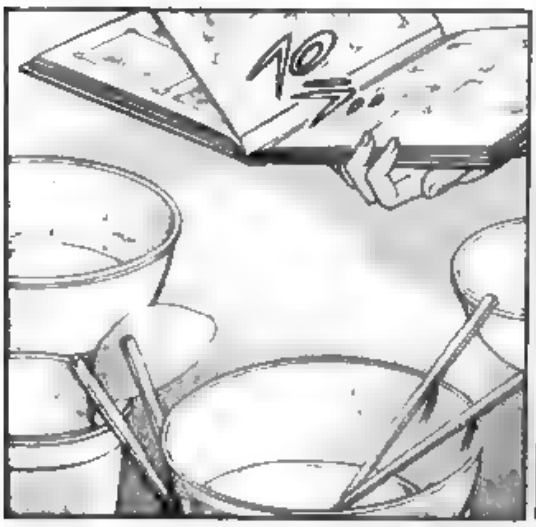
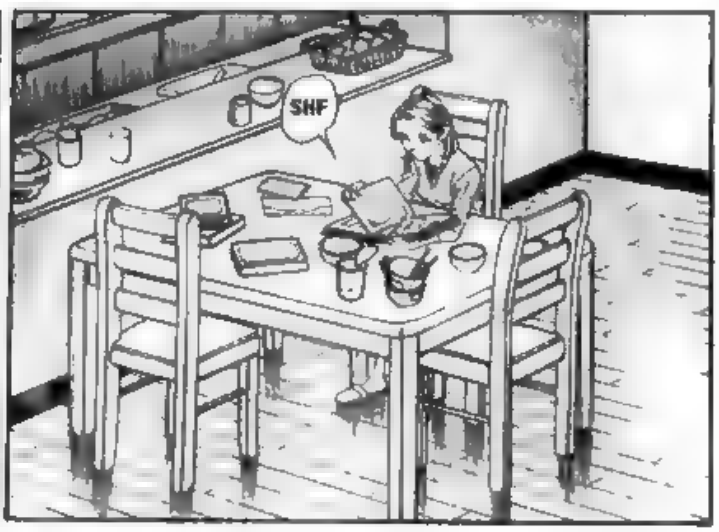
PROGRAM EXTRA / 24 7 WEBCAST
KAORI SAKAKI


Second grade.
A little nervous at the
autumn decathlon.

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Yuko begins junior high.
How time flies!

Third year / Class B.
So many friends! Yuko blossoms before my eyes!
I am so proud of her!

.....
...AND BE DAMNED IN THE KNOWING!
!!
KLIK
!!
WHY DID YOU TURN IT OFF?
WHY DID YOU DO THAT?
.....

MAYBE WE'LL SEE HER... ALIVE.
MAYBE THIS TIME WE'LL SEE YUKO. ALIVE. OR THE NEXT...
.....
THERE COULD BE A PROGRAM UPDATE. WE SHOULDN'T MISS...
UM
ALIVE...
... NICE.
.....
THAT WOULD BE...
.....
!!
I TURNED IT OFF BECAUSE SHE...HUH... SHE NEVER TOOK TO...
SHE...
YUKO NEVER TOOK TO THEM, DID SHE? TOO SCARY.
HORROR MOVIES..
FORCE OF HABIT
.....
JUST IN CASE. RIGHT?
I'LL JUST THERE. IT'S BACK.
SHE'D GET SO UPSET
THE VIOLENCE
KLIK
YOU NEVER KNOW.
?!

SHE'S NOT COMING BACK, IS SHE? THEY TOOK HER AND SHE'S NOT COMING BACK. EVER.
10
=?!

IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT STRENGTH OR...OR ENDURANCE OR...
THE LAST WINNER WAS A GIRL, RIGHT? SURE!
YOU CAN'T KNOW THAT. THE PROG-RAM.
UM.
.....!!

IT'S NOT ALL STRENGTH! GIRLS WIN, TOO!
YUKO'S GOT IMAGINATION. THAT COUNTS! SURE IT DOES! OUTTHINK THEM!
SURE! LAST YEAR'S SHOWS! THAT HUSKY GUY, THEN A GIRL!
.....
.....
.....
GIRLS WIN
SURE.
SURE...
HOW LONG IT TOOK? HOW FRIGHTENED YUKO WAS?
Back on her feet again! Back to school tomorrow! All is well! Go Yuko!
DO YOU REMEMBER THAT PSYCHIATRIST? DR. CHIOOO?
ffice
aking progress.

AND RIGHT THERE IN THE CLASS-ROOM FOR ALL TO SEE!
THOSE TWO... HOOLI-GANS!
POOR YUKO...
.....
HOW SHE WOULDN'T LEAVE HER ROOM? TWO WEEKS! THE POOR DEAR WAS TRAUMATIZED!
DO YOU REMEMBER HOW TERRIFIED SHE WAS?
SO DELICATE ...
.....
.....

SHE'S NOT COMING BACK TO US. SHE CAN'T! IT'S...IT'S...
SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO.. SHE CAN'T... IT WAS JUST A FIGHT! HOW DO YOU THINK SHE'LL REACT TO PEOPLE DYING?!
!!
.....
SHE'S A LAMB AMID WOLVES. YOU MUST KNOW THIS YOU MUST!
.....
...WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE BLOOD IS REAL? WHAT HAPPENS TO HER THEN?
FORCE OF HABIT. IF SHE CAN'T DEAL WITH TV VIOLENCE... AND SHE COULDN'T...
.....
YOU KNOW...

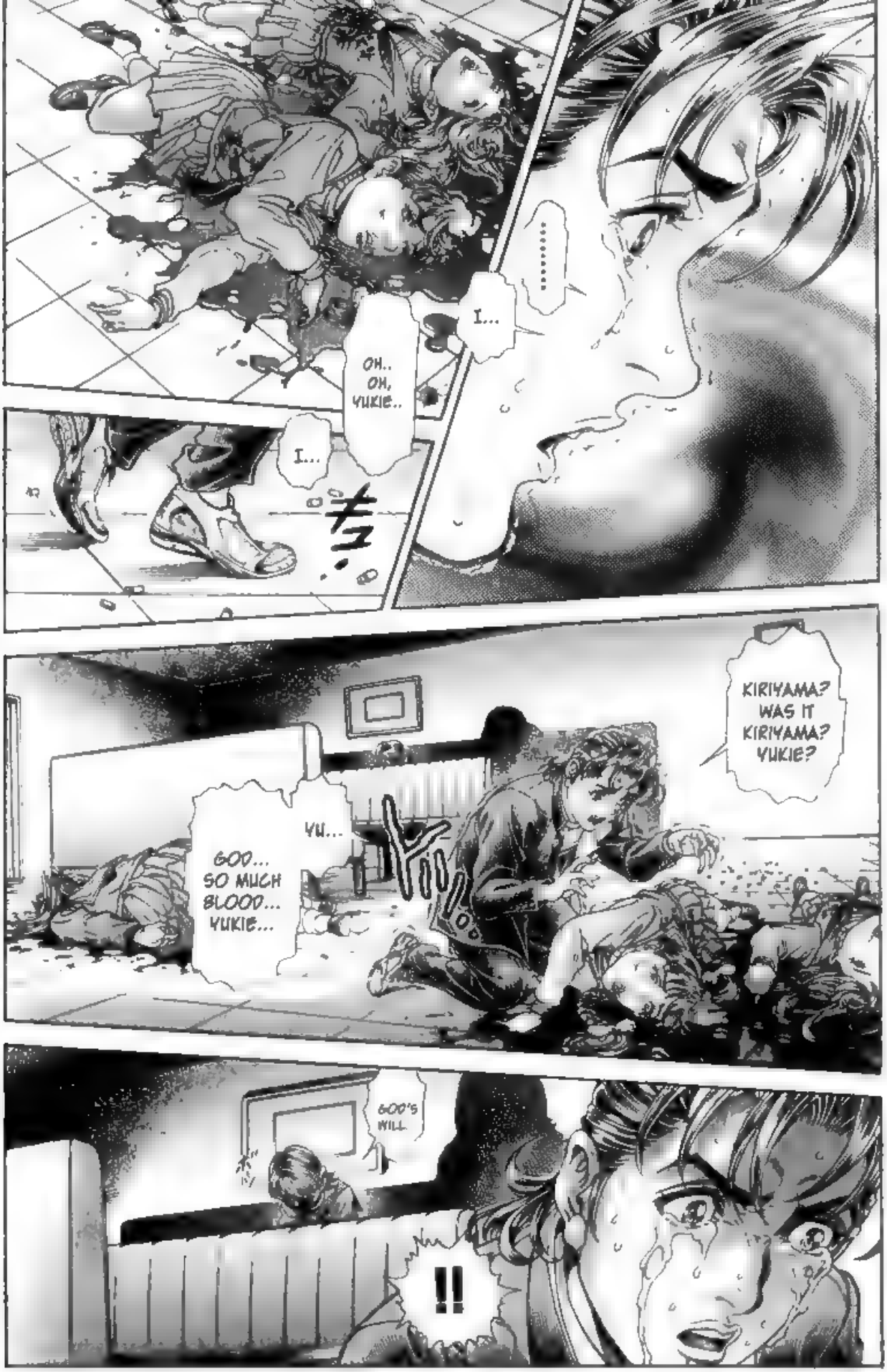
I KEEP HEARING HER SCREAMS.
.....
THEY'RE TAKING TURNS HURTING HER AND SHE'S SCREAMING FOR ME AND THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO AND THEY'RE *HURTING* HER!
AND EVEN... EVEN IF SHE *DID* COME BACK...WERE THAT EVEN POSSIBLE...
H-H...

. HOW MUCH OF HER COMES BACK?! HOW MUCH OF HER GETS LEFT BEHIND ON THAT HORRIBLE ISLAND?!
.....
GIRLS WIN? YUKO? TELL ME HOW! TELL ME HOW SHE WINS!
MORTAL FOOL...
HUH!
...WOULD YOU GAME WITH THE DEVIL?!
SHE'S NEVER COMING BACK! NEVER! SHE'S GONE! GOD HELP US, OUR BABY IS GONE!

THE DEMON BOY IS FREE!
NO! PLEASE NO!
DEMON BOY!
H-HE...

YUKIE!
!!
ゴロ..
ゴロ..ゴロ..
ゴロ..
.....
HUH!
PLIP

NO...


.....
I...
OH..
OH,
YUKIE..
I...
KIRIYAMA?
WAS IT
KIRIYAMA?
YUKIE?
YU...
GOO...
SO MUCH
BLOOD...
YUKIE...
GOO'S
WILL
!!

!!
WHO ..?
YUKO?
YUKO?!
WHAT ...?
HOW DID...?
.....

H-
K...
H-
H.
WHAT HAPPENED HERE, YUKO? WAS IT KAZUO? MITSUKO?
YUKO ?
TALK TO ME, YUKO.
?!
WHAT? YUKO...
NO ...
NOT ME..
NO

!!
NOT ME
NOT ...?
SOON ENOUGH. SOON ENOUGH WE'LL HEAR HER NAME READ OFF
SHE'S GONE.

WE GAVE HER THAT MUCH. FAITH FOR COMFORT. PRAY IT SEES HER THROUGH.
NOT MEEEEEEEEE!

ALL WE CAN DO IS PRAY. PRAY THAT SHE DOESN'T SUFFER.
SHIT.
VUKO? OH SHIT, VUKO! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?
PRAY THAT HER FAITH WILL SEE HER THROUGH THIS.
DEMON.
DEMON BOY!

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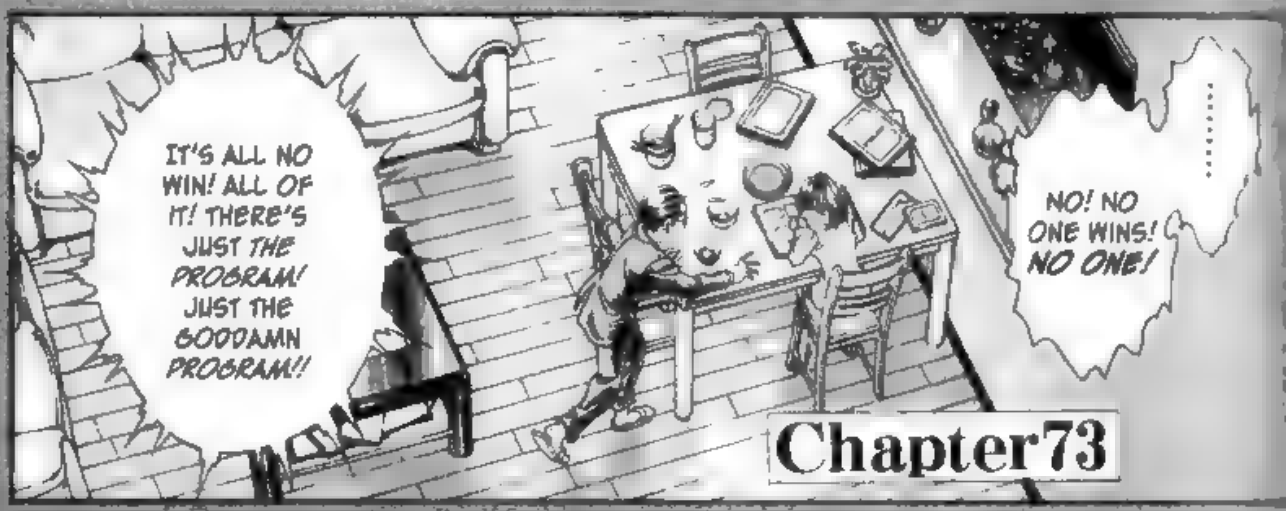
I KEEP TELLING MYSELF THAT. TRYING TO MAKE MYSELF...
HER LIFE IS IN HIS HANDS.
GOD'S WILL.

EVENTUALLY HER TURN WOULD COME. ONLY ONE WINNER...
WILL HER FRIENDS PROTECT HER? WOULD IT DO ANY GOOD IF THEY DID?
..BELIEVE IT


IT'S ALL NO WIN! ALL OF IT! THERE'S JUST THE PROGRAM! JUST THE GODDAMN PROGRAM!!
NO! NO ONE WINS! NO ONE!

Chapter73

I FEEL HER... I FEEL HER HURTING!
HURTING ...
SHE'S HURTING AND THERE'S NOT A DAMN THING I CAN DO!
SHE'S HURTING

CHAPTER 73: Wish

YUKO!
!!
YUKO, GODDAMMIT! WAIT!
SHIT.

キュム
キュム
KLK
KLK
キュム
キュム
ガーン
ヨロ
キュム

キュ
キュ。
ドゥ
ドゥ。
キュ..
キュ..

!!
YUKO! WAIT! DON'T!
?!
NO...
.....
GET YOU?
NOT... NOT G-GETTING ME.

I SAW...
I SAW WHAT THE DEMON BOY DID! TATSUMICHI!
HUH!
DAMN
I SAW IT ALL!
SAW YOU!

I SAW YOU KILL TATSUMICHI!
TATSUMICHI.. HE. IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!
THAT'S NOT. IT WASN'T.
IT'S NOT THE WAY IT LOOKED!
NO.

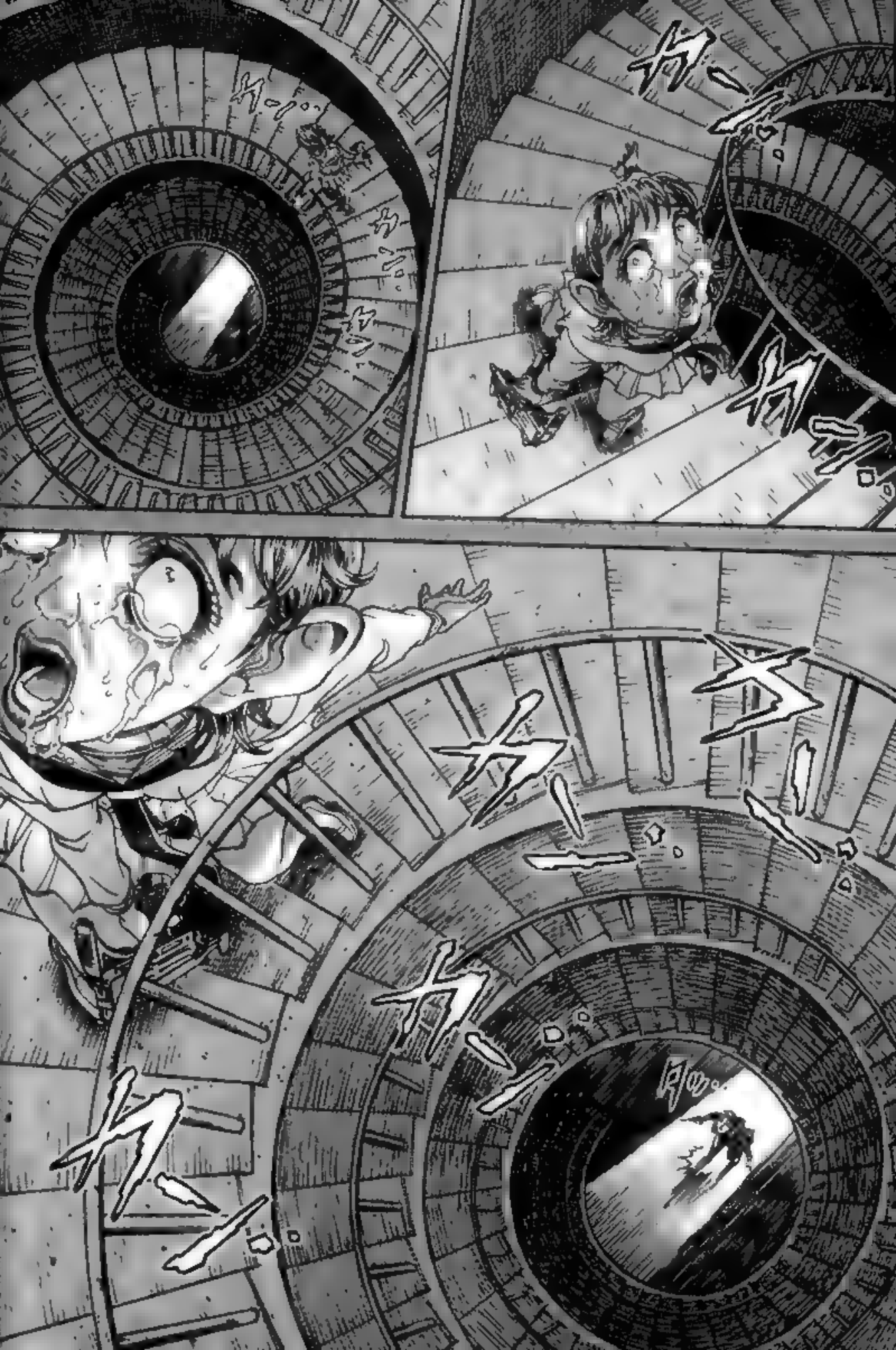
PRINCE OF LIES! I SAW! I SAW IT ALL!
CRAP!
ブラン…

H-
H.
H-
H.
HUH!
FUCK!
SHIT!
DAMN!
SOME OF THEM.
THEY'RE STILL AFRAID.
I'M GOING TO HAVE TO LOCK YOU IN.
.....
NOT YOU.. BOYS..
..IN GENERAL. I'LL TRY MY BEST TO... PERSUADE THEM.

BOYS.

NO BOY DID THIS.
HUH!
.....

THOUGHT IT WAS KIRIYAMA... THOUGHT WRONG
NO BOY...
WORSE. WORSE THAN KIRIYAMA. THESE WERE FRIENDS!
H-HK



H-H
!!
YUKO! WHAT DID YOU DO?!
DAMN!
H-H
DAMN IT ALL!

!!
ハァ..
ハァ..
ハァ..
ヒュオオオ..
カァ..

EH
EH
EH
...
H-
HNK!

!!
YUKO! DON'T SHOOT!
YOU ...
YUKO! WHAT HAPPENED DOWN THERE?!
TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED!
YOU HAPPENED! YOU!!
CRAP!

!!
!!
!!
YUKO!
YUKO!
NO!!

First day of kindergarten! How thrilling!
Always on her favorite swing!
SHE.
.....
Bear
I JUST WANT HER BACK! I WANT MY BABY BACK!
I WANT HER BACK. DAMAGED. DERANGED.
.....
GOD WILL PROVIDE. HE WILL! HE MUST!
WE'VE GOT TO HAVE FAITH.

Happy celebr
We
SOMEONE WILL BE THERE FOR HER.
GOD WILL PROVIDE!

GOTCHA! I GOTCHA!
HOLD ON, YUKO! I'VE GOT YOU!
SOMEONE...
YOU
LISTEN. LISTEN TO ME, YUKO. WE CAN DO THIS. OKAY?
SHE WON'T BE LEFT TO DIE. SHE CAN'T BE!
GOD WILL PROVIDE!

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.....
FRIENDS. THEY WON'T LEAVE HER. THEY WON'T LET HER BE HURT.
.....
SHE SHE WON'T BE ALONE THERE ARE OTHERS.
SHE'LL BE... SHE
SHE'S GOT FRIENDS.
AND HER FAITH. THAT MOST OF ALL. WE'VE GOT TO TRUST IN THAT.
THAT ABOVE ALL.
SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN SO KIND. GIVING. PEOPLE RESPOND TO THAT. THEY DO.
.....
KISSED BY GOD...
Poor sick baby got teddy sick. See how she cares for teddy!

CHAPTER 74: Reparation

GOO-
DAMMIT!
DO YOU
WANT TO
FALL?!
YUKO!
YUKO!
SHIT!
SHUT THE
FUCK
UP AND
HOLD
STILL!
!!
!!
NO! I
SAW IT
ALL! NO!
IT BURNS!
LET GO
OF ME! IT
BURNS!!

NO...
CLAK
.....
HUH!

SHKT
SHK
FOCUS!
I'M PULLING YOU UP, SO HOLD STILL!
THE GUN WILL KEEP! YUKO!
!!
!!
YUKO?
YUKO!

YUKO! OPEN THIS DOOR!
YOUNG LADY, I AM *TELLING* YOU TO UNLOCK THIS DOOR!
NOW! DO YOU HEAR ME?

YUKO ...
.....
YOU SENT ME TO THAT TERRIBLE PLACE! IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT! GO AWAY!
GO AWAY! YOU SENT ME THERE!

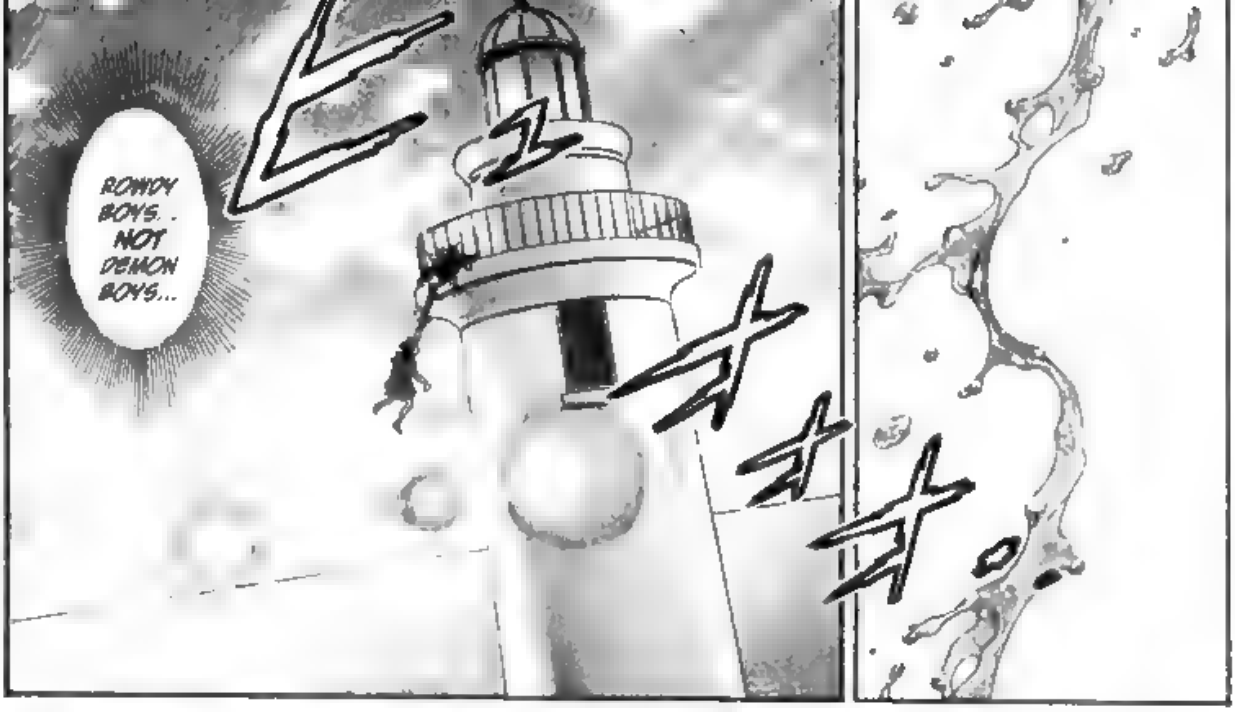
!!
YOU KNOW YOU LIKE TALKING TO PASTOR MIN. HE LIKES TALKING TO YOU.
PERHAPS... PERHAPS YOU'D LIKE TO TALK IT OVER? WITH PASTOR MIN?
YUKO, THEY'RE JUST... ROWDY. ROWDY BOYS.
BOYS ARE LIKE THAT.
OR DOCTOR CHIODO? HE ASKS ABOUT YOU WHENEVER WE.... UH...
YUKO ?
HE KNOWS! ASK PASTOR IF I'M CRAZY!
THEY WERE DEMON BOYS! I SAW! ASK PASTOR!
DOCTOR CHIODO'S A CRAZY PERSON DOCTOR, AND I'M NOT CRAZY! I'M NOT!!
I'M NOT CRAZY! DOCTOR CHIODO
THIS TALK OF OF DEMON BOYS I THINK MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE A TALK WITH PASTOR MIN
CHKT
NO. NOT THIS TIME
.....
I THINK MAYBE WE SHOULD GIVE HER SOME TIME ALONE
I THINK.
.....
!

!!
KLIK
NO!
YUKO, I CAN'T LET YOU--
HNGH!
!!
YOU CAN'T MAKE ME GO BACK THERE! YOU CAN'T!
!!
GASP!

!!
OH! YOUR FIN-GERS!
.....
I DIDN'T MEAN TO SCARE YOU LIKE THAT.
SORRY ABOUT THAT, YUKO.
!!
HEH . NOTHING TO FUSS OVER, MOTHER JUST A BAD BUMP.
NO. HE'S LYING FOR ME. HE DOESN'T WANT ME TO FEEL BAD.
HE'S LYING FOR ME.
JUST A BUMP...
ポタ..

I DIDN'T MEAN TO! I...
NO! I-I'M SORRY I...
!!
!
I DID THAT... LIKE THOSE BOYS... ROWDY...
I'M. IT'S
OKAY.
!!
MAYBE... MAYBE I WILL TALK WITH DR. CHIODO. OKAY?
NO, DADDY. IT'S NOT OKAY. I'M SORRY.
I GUESS...I GUESS I'M GOING TO HAVE TO...TO DEAL WITH THINGS.
BETTER, I MEAN. HAVE MORE FAITH OR...OR...

.....
MORE FAITH IN YOURSELF, YUKO.
GOD HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEM-SELVES.
ROWDY BOYS ARE JUST THAT, YUKO. ROWDY BOYS. GIRLS ARE NO DIFFERENT. THEY CAN GET ROWDY, TOO.
IT HAPPENS.
OFTEN. IT'S HOW YOU DEAL WITH IT THAT COUNTS.
HOW I DEAL WITH IT...
.....


ROWDY BOYS. NOT DEMON BOYS...

PASTOR MIN CAN BE... LET'S CALL IT FLAMBOYANT AND LET IT GO AT THAT.
BUT... I SAW...
.....

TATSU-MICHI!!
SHUUYA... TATSUMICHI... THEY WERE... HE WAS... I-I-I SAW SHUUYA...
I SAW...
.....

TATSUMICHI TRIED TO KILL SHUUYA AND SHUUYA MOURNED HIM AND... AND...
I SAW SHUUYA CRYING. HE WAS... HE...
HE WAS MOURNING TATSUMICHI! CRYING. TATSUMICHI TRIED TO. TO...
BOYS ARE LIKE THAT. SHUUYA...
JUST A ROWDY BOY.
I'VE GOT YOU. HERE WE GO.
.....
THAT'S IT!
I SAW...
.....
I SAW IT ALL! SHUUYA... THE FALL...

NRRRAGH!
CLIKT
SHIT! DAMN!
HURTS LIKE A BITCH!
?
H.
H.
YOU DON'T KNOW.
EH
EH

WHAT I DID. YOU DON'T KNOW.
ALL DEAD... ALL!

I DID IT.
I KILLED THEM ALL. MY FAULT. ALL MY FAULT.
YOU?

YUKO?

I...I LIT THE FUSE.

YUKO.. MORE THAN ONE GUN WAS USED
I HEARD
YOU COULDN'T HAVE. NOT ALONE. YOU...

I LIT THE FUSE AND THEY ALL BLEW UP!
IT WAS ONLY SUPPOSED TO BE YOU, BUT THEY... THEY...IT WAS ONLY SUPPOSED TO BE YOU!
BUT... YOU'RE NOT...
...NOT A DEMON BOY. JUST A... A ROWDY BOY.
AND BOYS ARE LIKE THAT. GIRLS, TOO. SOMETIMES. THAT'S WHAT DADDY SAYS.

I THINK HE'S LYING.
I THINK HE'S LYING JUST TO MAKE ME FEEL BETTER. ABOUT BEING THIS WAY.
ALWAYS AFRAID OF... ALWAYS AFRAID.

IT SCARES ME. BOYS.. BEING ROWDY.
I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE. THAT'S WHAT DR. CHIOOO SAYS
HE TELLS ME IT'S NOT JUST ME. THERE ARE OTHERS.

HE WAS TRYING TO HELP ME AND I BROKE HIS FINGERS. ALWAYS AFRAID.
I BROKE HIS FINGERS ONCE
DADDY'S FINGERS...

PASTOR MIN SAID IT WAS PERSONAL DEMONS...INSIDE OF ME. THAT I HAD TO HAVE FAITH AND WORK HARD TO OVERCOME THE DEMONS. DADDY CALLS HIM FLAMBOYANT.
THAT'S ME ALL OVER.
BROKE DADDY'S FINGERS AND HURT YOUR ARM.

Little Miss Popularity!
Has she ever had so many friends?!

.....
THEY KNEW.
THEY KNEW WHAT A SCAREDY CAT I WAS, BUT THEY DIDN'T CARE MY FRIENDS, SHUUYA.
.....
YUKO DON'T
.....
I'VE GOT TO.
.....

THEY WERE MY FRIENDS, AND I LIT THE FUSE...
.....
I THINK... I THINK IF.
...IF IT COMES TO IT, SHE'LL DO THE RIGHT THING.
SHE'LL STAND BY HER FRIENDS AND DO THE RIGHT THING. WE'VE GOT TO HAVE FAITH. WE TAUGHT HER WELL.
GIRLS HAVE WON THE PROGRAM.

I LIT THE FUSE...
.....
ALL MY FAULT... MY FRIENDS...

SO MANY...
STRENGTH IN NUMBERS. SHE KNOWS THAT. AND WHEN... WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT...
However does she remember all of their names?! So many friends!
.....
ONLY ONE SURVIVES. SHE KNOWS THAT. COMES TO IT SHE'LL...DO THE RIGHT THING.

SOMETIMES THEY WIN.
THE DEMONS WITHIN, SHUUYA...
NGH.

YOU COULD HAVE LIVED!
.....
.....
WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT
WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?
NO!
SHU-UYA?
.....
YOU COULD HAVE LIVED!!

BATTLE ROYALE CONTESTANTS

Yukio Utsumi

HEIGHT: 150 cm (5 ft 2 in)

WEIGHT: 53 kg (117 lb)

DESIGNATED WEAPON: Pistol

PERTINENT BACKGROUND:
Class Vice President. Charismatic and practical. A born leader hindered by dogged adherence to outmoded democratic ideals. Her tendency to put every decision / action to a "majority rules" vote will prove her downfall.

CONCLUSION(S): Mid to late-game elimination depending on the number of / effectiveness of those she chooses as allies.

Yuko Sakaki

HEIGHT: 154 cm (5 ft)

WEIGHT: 49 kg (108 lb)

DESIGNATED WEAPON: Hydrocyanic acid (cyanide)

PERTINENT BACKGROUND:
Physically frail and mentally unstable (ref: Chiodo / session transcripts). Prone to faith-based delusions / hallucinatory episodes. Subject is least likely (of current contestant pool) to survive for any significant period of time.

CONCLUSION(S): Suicide a strong possibility.

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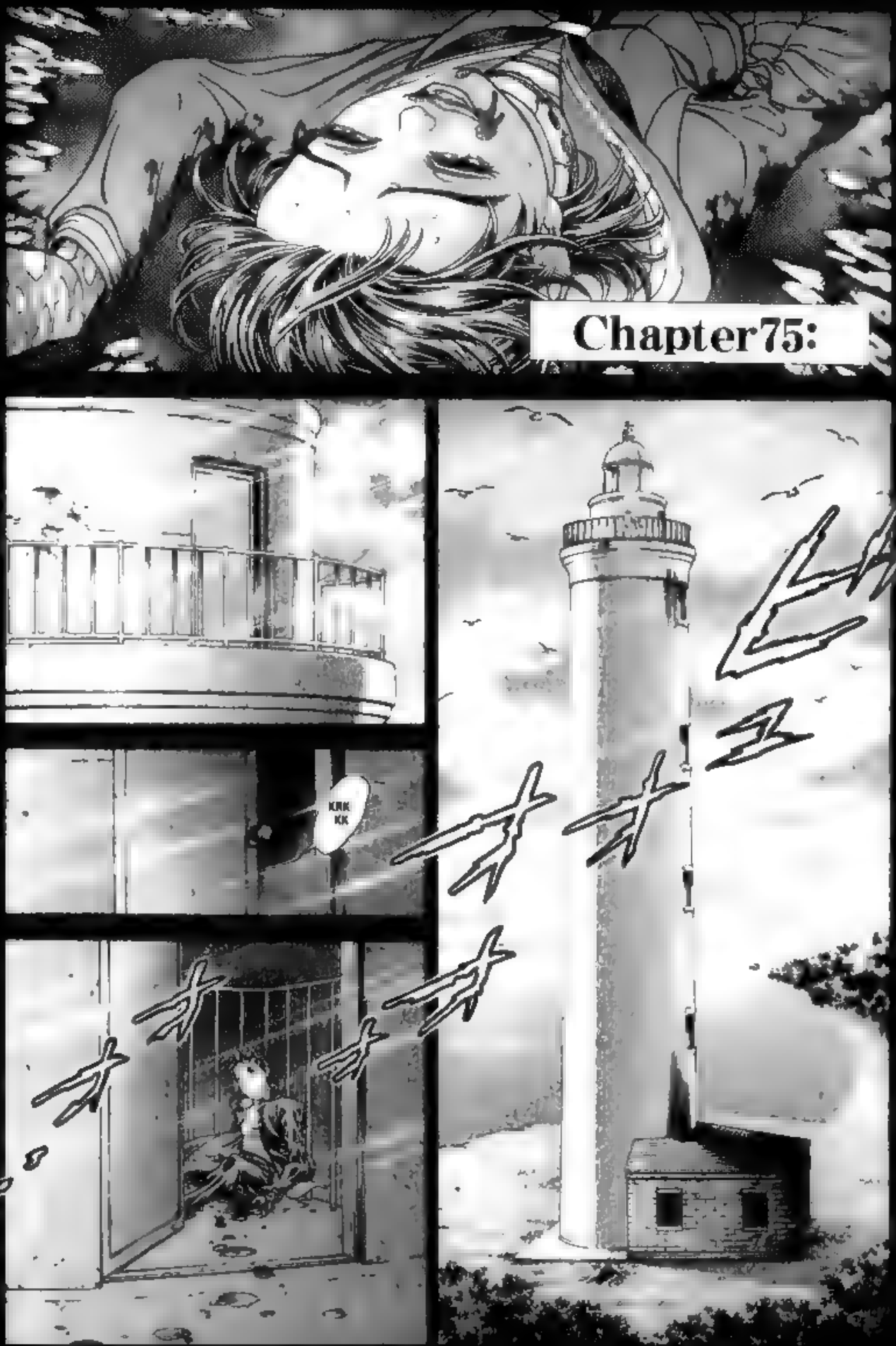
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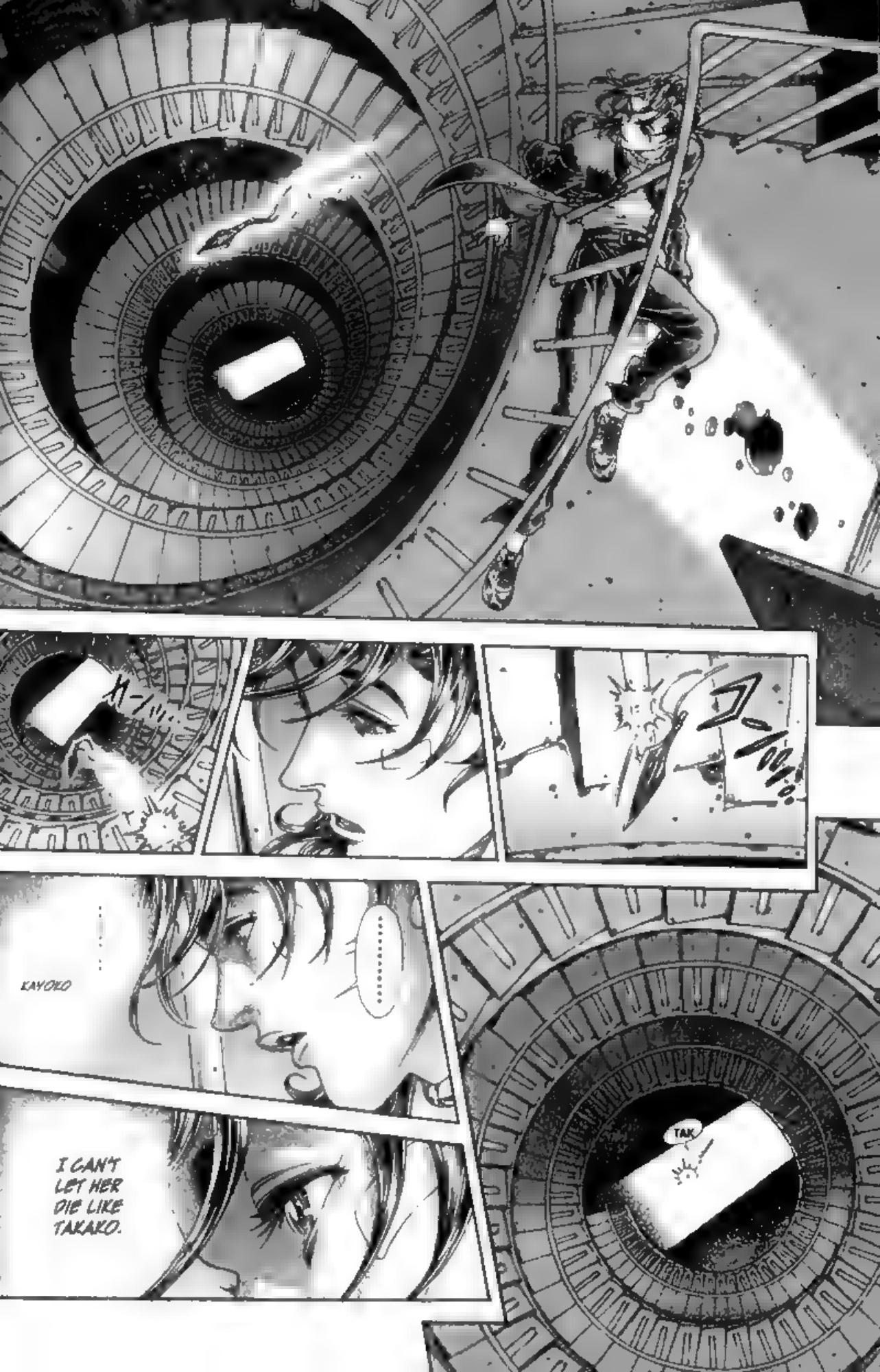
CHAPTER 75: Funeral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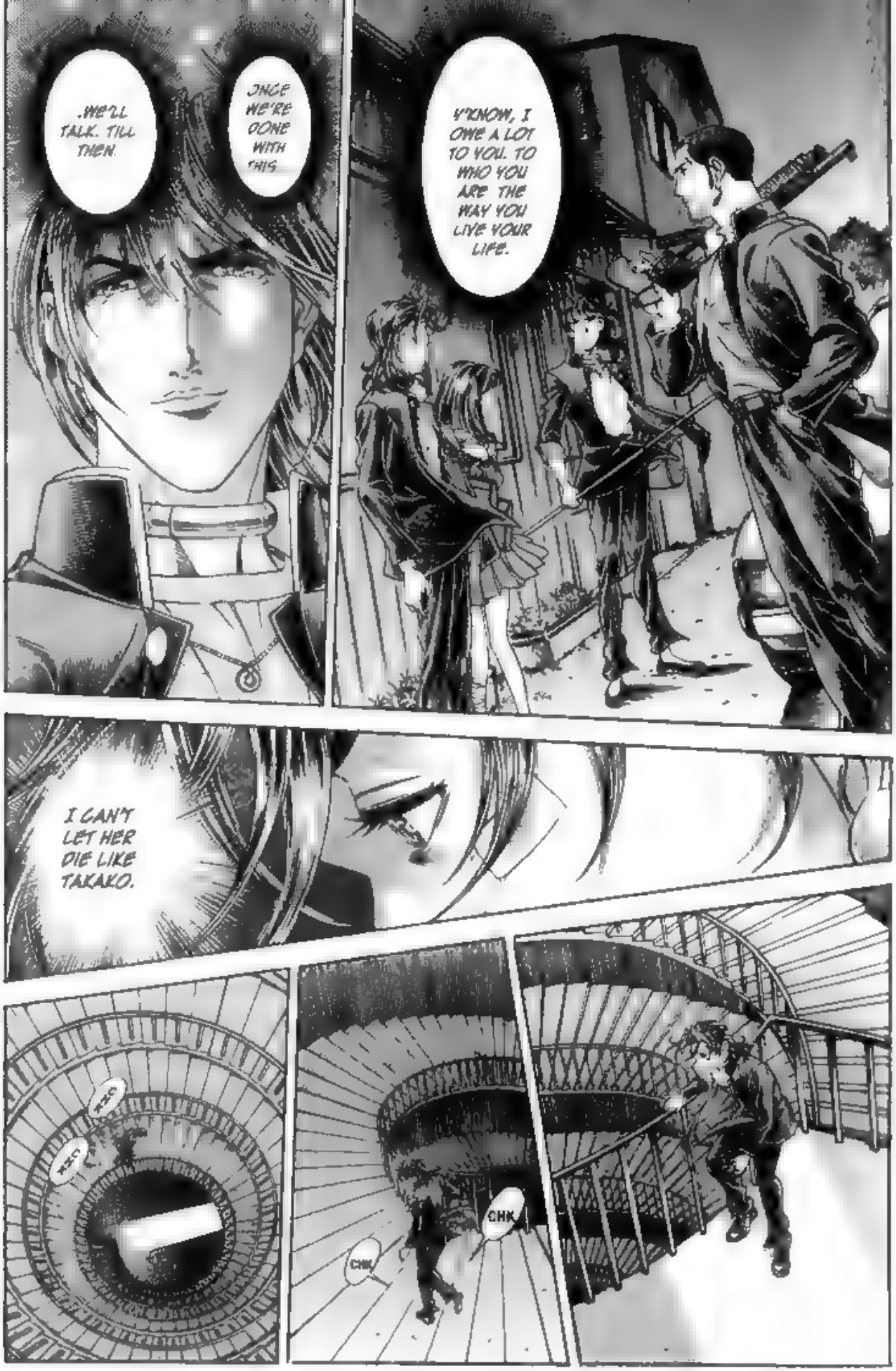
I CAN'T LET HER DIE LIKE TAKAKO.
TAK


WE'LL TALK. TILL THEN.
ONCE WE'RE DONE WITH THIS
Y'KNOW, I OWE A LOT TO YOU. TO WHO YOU ARE THE WAY YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE.
I CAN'T LET HER DIE LIKE TAKAKO.
CHK
CHK
CHK

ESPECIALLY IF IT COMES DOWN TO A HARD CHOICE
DO RIGHT BY HER
TAKE NORIKO AND I'LL MEET YOU THERE.
HOW FAST YOU FIGURE YOU CAN RUN THE HUNDRED?
SHUUYAA!

CHK
JUST ANOTHER ELVIS-OBSESSED ROCK 'N ROLL [illegible]
TRUMPS A CHAIN-SMOKING MALPRACTICE MAGNET ANY DAY
I'M FASTER THAN YOU'LL EVER BE. I CAN KEEP KIRIYAMA BUSY.

YOU FUCK UP, SHE DIES
I LIT THE FUSE.

.....
GOT TO GET BACK.
.....
NORI-KO.
!!
HH!!
WHERE YOU GOING WITH THIS?
UP STRAIGHT.

!
WE'RE HEADING BACK TO THE WOODS, RIGHT?
SAME PLACE WE HOLED UP BEFORE.
TAKE NORIKO AND I'LL MEET YOU THERE.
YOU FUCK UP, SHE DIES.
GET HER OUT OF HERE! NOW!

SHE DIED.
.....
GUNS. NEED GUNS SHOGO.. NORIKO
UNARMED OUT THERE... NEED GUNS...
NICE PIECE
.....
NEED THIS.

'CEPT WHEN YOU FIGURED SOMEONE NEEDED A FRIEND.
IT REALLY HELPED ME WITH THE BASICS.
TRY THIS.
KEPT TO YOURSELF FOR THE MOST PART. YEAH.
SATOMI
GUESS WE WON'T BE HAVING THAT GUY-GAL FACE-OFF AFTER ALL.
TALLEST GIRL IN SCHOOL. AWESOME VOLLEYBALL FORM.
KARUKA

YUKA SEAL OF APPROVAL. YOU BET.
NO ONE ALLOWED TO BE SAD AROUND YUKA.
.....
YUKA ...
THEY SAID YOU MADE EVERYONE FEEL IMPORTANT. SPECIAL. YEAH...
I...I NEVER GOT TO KNOW YOU, BUT... I HEARD...
CHISATO ...
YUKIE...
.....

WE COULD BE DEAD TOMORROW.
YOU KNOW..
I'VE HAD THE BIGGEST CRUSH ON YOU FOR THE LONGEST TIME.
.....
SO SORRY
.....
I COULDN'T SAY WHAT YOU NEEDED TO HEAR
FIRST KISS..
NO...SHE GAVE ME ONE WHILE I WAS SLEEPING.

SO SORRY
YUKO
I LIT THE FUSE.
I WANT TO HATE YOU.
..BUT I CAN'T I CAN'T!
THEY WERE ALL MY FRIENDS.
THE DEMONS WITHIN. .
.. SOMETIMES THEY WIN.

IT'S ALL I CAN DO TO HOLD MYSELF TOGETHER. MAKE MYSELF GO ON IN SPITE OF... OF...
NOT LIKE THIS... PLEASE NOT NORIKO.
I JUST CAN'T!
I'M SORRY. I'M SO SORRY, BUT I CAN'T. IT'S TOO BIG.
IT'S THE SAME THE FUCKING SAME
NORIKO...

YOU DON'T LOSE IT NOW!
NO!
.....
HARD TRUTH, SHUUYA. THEY'RE DEAD AND YOU'RE ALIVE. TAKE WHAT COMFORT YOU CAN FROM THAT.

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Chapter76

ハロー
AHH
アアア
OKAY NOT GOOD.
DAMMIT! I'LL NEVER MAKE IT BEFORE THE AREA GOES DANGER ZONE.
CLOCK 49 AND SHOGO AND NORIKO'D BEST BE GONE.
49 MINUTES.

HMM. SCENE OF THE CRIME
WAS TO RAIN. NO WAY I CAN GET A SIGNAL FOR SURE IN THIS DOWNPOUR, LET ALONE TWO. JUST HAVE TO HOPE THEY DON'T MOVE TOO FAR OFF.

CHAPTER 76: Rain

PLEASE STOP SHOOTING
YOU DON'T WANT TO DO THIS! WE KNOW YOU DON'T!
EVERY-BODY! PLEASE LISTEN!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO PLAY! JOIN US!
...
WRONG. YUNIKO. YUKIKO.
SOMEONE WANTED TO.

I SHOULD HAVE I
HIROMO
HUH!
YOU'RE CRAZY.
BUT SOOO CRAZY I CAN RELATE TO THAT

BESTEST EVER.
KICK BACK WITH JUNYA
BESTEST EVER, KACHI!
.....
HHH

ALL DEAD...
PLAY TO WIN.
ONLY ONE SURVIVES.
……
ガ…

NOBODY WINS! THAT'S THEIR DIRTY LITTLE SECRET. NOBODY WINS!
.....
WHAT DID WINNING BUY SHOGO?! DOES HE QUALIFY AS A RERUN?!
.....
HIRO CALLED IT
"GOOD CRAZY." THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID.
.....
I'M LOSING MY MIND
AND THAT'S JUST WHAT THE BASTARDS ARE COUNTING ON.

NO MORE! NO MORE DEATHS ON MY WATCH! TUNE OUT, FOLKS! GAME OVER!
HEAR THAT, MOTHERFUCKERS? GOOD CRAZY! I CAN'T LOSE MY MIND, 'CAUSE IT'S LONG GONE!
NO MORE KILLING!
THIS TIME IT'S MY WAY!
NO MO--
!!
AH...

M-MIZUHO?

HEY...
!!

I'M NOT.. I...
NO!
NO!!

MIZUHO! GOODAM-MIT!!
ドドドドド
ドドドドド
ドドドドド
HFF!
HUH!

SHIT!
ドーン
ドン
ドン
カシャカシャ

LISTEN TO ME! I'M NOT PLAYING!
.....
?
?
AH...
MIZUHO!
I'M NOT GOING TO HURT YOU! I'M NOT PLAYING!
?
?
F'CHRISSAKE, WILL YOU LISTEN TO ME?!
I'M NOT YOUR ENEMY! NO ONE DIES, OKAY? OKAY, MIZUHO?

THERE'S A WAY OUT!
A FOR REAL WAY OUT OF THIS!
NORIKO... SHOGO... WE'RE TOGETHER! SHOGO KNOWS A WAY OFF THE ISLAND!
JOIN US! WE CAN...
!!
...ESCAPE?
KLIK
KLIK
DON'T
PLEASE

KLIK
KLIK
KLIK
DON'T MAKE ME.....
KLIK
KLIK
KLIK
KLIK
DON'T
KLIK
KLIK
KLIK
STOP
PLEASE
KLIK
KLIK
KLIK
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KLIK
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KLIK
KLIK
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KLIK

BOYS STAY...
AND STAY AND STAY AND STAY...
PLAY TO WIN!
I.. I CAN'T
NOTHING LESS THAN A WIN FOR THE BIG MAN, EH?
CLASS PRESIDENT TAKES IT ALL! NO FAGGOTS! NO FAGGOTS FOR THE BIG MAN!
SHOULD HAVE! SHOULD HAVE, SHUUYA! NO FAGGOTS! SHOULD HAVE!

NO
NOT EVER
NO MORE! NO MORE CREATIVE CRAP ON MY WATCH! TUNE OUT, FOLKS!
GAME OVER!
I WON'T PLAY
PLEASE, MIZUKO, PLEASE
THIS TIME IT'S MY WAY! NO KILLING!
KLIK
KLIK
KLIK

I WON'T!
I SAW IT ALL!
SO VERY GLAD YOUR PUNY ARMY KNIFE...
...IS NO MATCH FOR MY MACHETE. SO VERY, VERY GLAD...

YOU... YOU CAN'T HEAR ME, CAN YOU, MIZUHO?
THEY GOT YOU. MADE YOU CRAZY. TOO LATE... TOO LATE AGAIN!
DEAR GOD IN HEAVEN... DO I GET TO SAVE ANYONE?!

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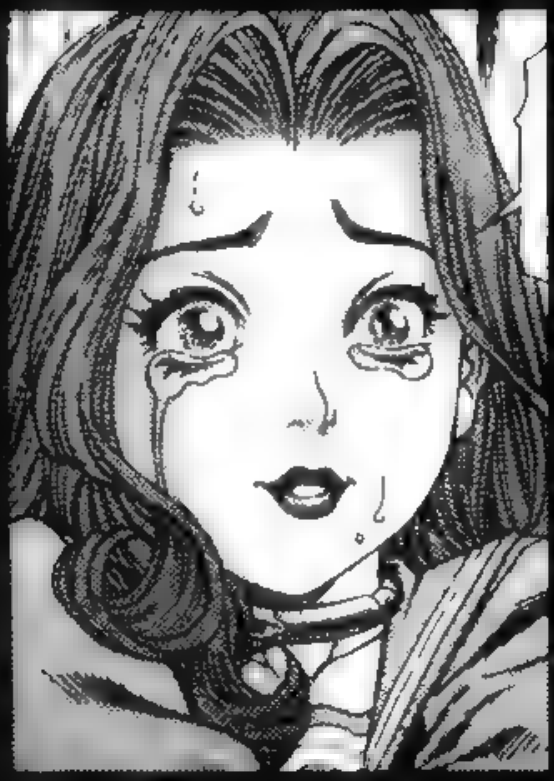

Yoshimi Yahagi

HEIGHT: 155 cm (5 ft 1 in)

WEIGHT: 56 kg (126 lb)

DESIGNATED WEAPON: Government issue Colt sidearm

PERTINENT BACKGROUND:
A self-sabotaging bundle of low self esteem. Hopelessly romantic despite multiple incidents of physical / sexual abuse. Subject's attraction to one Yoji Kuramoto (ref: Boy # 8) verges on obsessive. High eye candy quotient a definite plus.

CONCLUSION(S): Inconsistent behavior patterns could result in late elimination or a wildcard win.

Hirono Shimizu

HEIGHT: 167 cm (5 ft 6 in)

WEIGHT: 54 kg (119 lb)

DESIGNATED WEAPON: Standard issue Colt sidearm

PERTINENT BACKGROUND:
A punk nihilist / rebel without a clue. A Mitsuko Souma (ref: Girl # 11) "lieutenant." Subject embraces the Souma "gang" group mentality while openly espousing anarchic ideals. Contradictions abound.

CONCLUSION(S): Should the Souma girl be eliminated, this one could, given the right circumstances, take it all.

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CHAPTER 77: Bleak Reunion

KLIK
KLIK
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KLIK
MIZUHO, PLEASE
DON'T LET THEM.
DON'T LET THEM DO THIS TO YOU. YOU CAN FIGHT IT! WE CAN BEAT THEM!
KLIK
KLIK
KLIK
KLIK
KLIK
LOOK WHAT THEY'VE DONE TO YOU!

NINTH GRADE / CLASS B - GIRL #1:
MIZUHO INADA
UH...
DON'T LET THEM WIN! FIGHT THEM!

MIZU
..
?
AH!
PLEASE
PLEASE LISTEN...
?
.....
AUTO MAG
ZEKT
THP
CHK
ヒュオ
.....
!!
NO
NOT SO FAR GONE SHE CAN'T RELOAD!

RULES SAY KILL OR BE KILLED. ONLY ONE SURVIVES.
NO
SOME-ONE DRAWS DOWN ON US
..YOU TAKE THEM OUT!
I'M NOT DYING ON ACCOUNT'A YOU NEEDING TO PLAY HERO
DAMN YOU... DAMN YOU TO HELL!
KLAK

NOT SO FAR GONE SHE CAN'T RELOAD!
KILL OR BE KILLED... TAKE THEM DOWN!
I CAN'T...
IF NOT FOR YOUR OWN SAKE, THEN FOR YOUR LITTLE HONEY HERE.
I WON'T.

!!

NOOO!
DO NOT MAKE ME DO THIS!!

?!
CHT
FUCK YOU, MIZUHO
.....
I HAVE FAITH IN US.
PLAY IT THEIR WAY. FUCK YOU AND FUCK THEM AND FUCK IT ALL.
GO ON. PLAY.
.....
?
?
TOGETHER WE CAN GET OFF THIS ISLAND!
WE CAN DO THIS!

WE CAN SHOW EVERYONE THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO PLAY! TOGETHER! I HAVE FAITH IN US!
SORRY, NORI. FRESH OUT OF FAITH.
TANK'S EMPTY AND I'M GONNA DIE AND SHE'S NOT EVEN GONNA KNOW SHE PULLED THE TRIGGER.
ジャリ
……
……

!!
.....
OKAY.
.....
NO MORE.
PLAY IT OUT

NEVER WITH ME!
NOT WITH ME.
……
!!

HHPPP...
KNOW THAT A SINGLE WARRIOR, PURE OF HEART, CAN!
KNOW THAT A SINGLE BATTLE DOES NOT DETERMINE A WAR.
KNOW THAT THE BEAST IS BUT ONE OF MANY
WELL FOUGHT, DAUGHTER
THE BEAST IS BANISHED. WE ARE MOST PLEASED.
.....
!!
ARE YOU THAT WARRIOR, DAUGHTER? DOES YOUR HEART BEAT TRUE?
AH..

KNOW US, DAUGHTER. SPEAK OUR NAMES.
.....
SHOW US! SHOW US THE PURITY OF THE HEART WITHIN!
SPEAK OUR NAMES AND SEAL THE PACT!
OPEN YOURSELF TO US, BODY AND SOUL. OURS IS THE WILL, OURS THE WAY.
OPEN [redacted] TO US! LET OUR CLEANSING LIGHT ANOINT YOU FROM WITHIN.
SPEAK OUR NAMES AND MAKE US ONE!
I...
I KNOW YOU!

HHIIIIII
WHAT?
SCOURED LUCIEN, FIRST AMONG EQUALS. HALLOWED TRINITY! I KNOW YOUR NAMES!
SO BE IT! OURS IS THE CLEANSING LIGHT, THRICE BLESSED ZEALOT'S FIRE, THE WILL AND THE WAY! WE ARE INEVITABLE!!
PELIPHON, OVINITY'S GATEKEEPER, NECOSUS OF THE OVERWATCH...
NAME US, DAUGHTER OF DESTINY! SPEAK OUR NAMES AND TAKE FROM US WHAT YOU WILL!

OH. MY. GOD.

SO MANY.. RAPID FIRE
KIRIYAMA... DAMN. KIRIYAMA DID THIS?!

HUH...
.....
.....
!!

NAO TO'VE TOUCHED SOMETHING OFF. BIG SOMETHING, BY THE LOOK OF THINGS.
NO WAY NOT ALONE
THOSE WERE GRE-NADES, NOT BOMBS
.....
.....
BRING IT RIGHT BACK TO..
KID WOULD MORE'N LIKELY TURN IT ON THE SCHOOL BUILDING. LORD KNOWS I WOULD.
UNLESS...
SCRATCH THAT. NO WAY THEY'D GIVE A KID THIS MUCH DESTRUCTIVE POWER.
!!

THIS ALL YOUR DOING, ISUMA?
KETTA..
!
JUST ANOTHER DEAD BODY NO- HUH, TOO HUH?
WAY TO REACT
NICE, SHANYA.
KLUT
AND THEN THERE WERE TWO.
NUH!
H-HE!

YUTAKA!
WHY WEREN'T ...?
WHY WEREN'T YOU WITH MIM?
Thanks, Mim. I won't let you down again.
!!
I can't find it anywhere.
I don't know where I left it. It's gone
MIM?! YOU WERE WITH...
.....

!!
OH...
NO

I...
MUNIRA, PLEASE, PLEASE! NO.
NO, NO... NOT YOU... NOT YOU... PLEASE NOT YOU...

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Mizuho Inada

HEIGHT: 158 cm (5 ft 2 in)

WEIGHT: 49 kg (108 lb)

DESIGNATED WEAPON: .44 Magnum

PERTINENT BACKGROUND:
Undiagnosed paranoid schizophrenia / delusory dementia (ref: parents / sub ref: Christian Scientist). Subject believes herself a vessel through which the powers of the "elder gods" (ref: Dungeons and Dragons Sourcebook Vol. II) flow. In short, a loon.

CONCLUSION(S): A wildcard. Subject's performance will depend on the style and substance of her delusions. Early out / dark horse win; this one could go either way.

Kayoko Kotohiki

HEIGHT: 154 cm (5 ft)

WEIGHT: 50 kg (110 kg)

DESIGNATED WEAPON: S&W M19

PERTINENT BACKGROUND:
Deceptively fragile. Decidedly passive-aggressive. Subject is the target of an obsessive search by Hiroki Sugimura (ref: Boy #11). Subject has, thus far, displayed no inclination to track down nor join up with Sugimura, nor longing for his company.

CONCLUSION(S): Unrequited love? This could get interesting. Have marketing look into potential romance manga licenses. Romantic tragedies are proven sellers.

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CHAPTER 78: Message

AHH
!!
WHAT DIDN'T YOU WANT THEM KNOWING, MIA?
SO MANY NOTES.. EVERYTHING'S WRITTEN DOWN. TOO TINY FOR ANY CAMERAS TO PICK UP
.....
MAKES SENSE. COLLARS WOULD BE WIRED FOR SOUND. NO WONDER SHOGO'S SO CRYPTIC.
NOW...

.....
God, I am such a loser...
We going or what?
!!
Fumiyo's Revenge!!
Got to have:
•The secret weapon! (Uncle's detonato
•Ammonium
•Gasoline
•Pulley
•Kite string
•Duck tape
•Trash bags
•Voice thing (helium)
•Rope (300 meters / more)
WHAT THE FUCK, MIM?
...
FUMIYO'S REVENGE? DETONATOR? A BOMB?!
.....

SLAM DUNK. DEAR GOD... YOU WERE GOING AFTER THE SCHOOL!

YOU BUILT A BOMB?

AND YOU, KEITA...
WHERE DO YOU FIT IN? MURAOKA COULDN'T STAND YOU. HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED IN THIS?

FUMIYO'S REVENGE...

CRAZY. CRAZY SHIT..
PULLEY ROPE. HELLIN? WHAT?
HOW WOULD YOU DELIVER IT? SCHOOL'S A CONSTANT DANGER ZONE. WHAT WERE YOU THINKING??

I CAN'T SEE IT, BUT HE DID! HE HAD A PLAN!
HE HAD A PLAN!

Boom
In your face!

OR... WERE YOU WITH HIM?
.....
KIRIYAMA'S KILLING ON SIGHT. NOT WITH KIRIYAMA. THEN WHAT?!
NO.
.....
WHAT WERE YOU TRYING TO DO, MIMURA? WHAT WAS THE PLAY?
HELLUM...
.....

WHY COULDN'T YOU HAVE WRITTEN IT ALL DOWN?
YUTA-KA...
.....

Slight problem. I'm not the best swimmer.
I'm such an idiot! A good for nothing idiot!
.....

P-PAR FOR THE COURSE
That's not it. It's me. What if I screw up again?

!!
WE KNEW AND WE UNDERSTOOD AND WE CARED!
IT NEVER MATTERED! ONLY TO YOU!
MM... THE REST OF US... WE KNEW, YUTAKA!
WE KNEW WHAT YOU WERE LIKE!
MM...
The pulley. I can't find it!

I'll guard it with my life!
See if I don't!
.....
Thanks for caring, Mim
nks for caring, Mim.
for caring,
Thanks, Mim. I won't let you down again.
He's glad it was me. He said so!
Friends tough it out together. If you've taught me anything, you've taught me that!
Bring it on! I'm as ready as I'll ever be!
In 48 minutes the cliff area becomes a danger zone.
That's cutting it too close!

I'm in all the way and then some!
Let's do this thing. Together!
YEAH...
Of course, saying's easier than doing.
Mim's already factored my... inadequacies into the escape!
Mim's got it all figured out!
THAT'S...
SOUNDS ABOUT RIGHT.
MIM CARES.
ALWAYS TRYING TO HIDE IT.

...NOBODY'S PERFECT. I OUGHT TO KNOW.
GO FIGURE...
SAVED YOUR CARING FOR WHAT REALLY COUNTS, DIDN'T YOU? 'COURSE THAT DIDN'T ALWAYS TRANSLATE TO THE GIRLS YOU DATED, BUT...
GUESS NO ONE EVER TOLD HIM THAT ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS. NOT THAT HE'D CARE. WOULD YOU, MIM?
ALWAYS PLAYING THE SMUG SMARTASS. ALWAYS TOO COOL FOR THE ROOM.
WHAT I DO KNOW IS, COMES TO FRIENDS, THERE'S NONE BETTER THAN MIM!
GUESS I'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT DREW MIM TO ME. IT ALL HAPPENED SO SMOOTH!
YEAH...
DAMN STRAIGHT.
NONE BETTER. DAMN STRAIGHT.
UH-HUH.
WE KNEW.
WE KNEW.
SURE

HHPP..
HEAR THAT?
WE WEEZ WISE TO YOU, MIM.
.....
BIG DEAL, HUH?
TOO LITTLE TOO LATE.
GUH
I WAS COUNTING ON YOU, MIM.
I NEEDED YOU TO BE OKAY NOW WHO TAKES THE CLUTCH SHOT? DAMMIT ALL, MIM! I NEEDED YOU TO BE OKAY!
.....
I...

HAH
GAME OVER!!
I NEEDED HIM TO BE OKAY!!
NO MORE! GAME OVER! NO MORE!
I CAN'T.

?!
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……
!!
……

TAKE SHOT
TAKE THE SHOT
.....

NOT YET.
YOU'VE STILL GOT A WAYS TO GO.
SURRENDER IS NOT AN OPTION.
YOU HEARD THE MAN. UP 'N AT 'EM.
WHATEVER HAPPENED TO FINDING THE JUSTICE WITHIN?

OR WAS THAT JUST LIP SERVICE?
SPEAKING OF LIP SERVICE... YOU GONNA PUNK OUT ON NORIKO?
THAT ANY WAY TO BE? HMM?
THAT'S KID SHIT AND YOU KNOW IT. THINGS NOT GOING YOUR WAY?
YOU PICK UP YOUR TOYS AND GO HOME. THAT IT? THAT WHERE YOU'RE AT, SHU? NOT TOO PATHETIC!
I...

AND IT WILL HURT. BELIEVE IT!
YOU GOT TO GET IT TOGETHER. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY!
YOU BEEN TALKING THE TALK, TIME TO WALK THE WALK NO MATTER HOW MUCH IT HURTS.
I KNOW...
TAKE THE SHOT.
GOTTA BOOK, SHU. YOU DO THE RIGHT THING, HEAR?
.....

I'LL BE WAITING RIGHT HERE. COUNT ON IT.
AND WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT, YOU GO RUNT BY NORIKO.

HHH
DO RIGHT BY NORIKO...
MIM!
RIGHT HERE...
WORD OF HONOR, MIM. WORD OF HONOR!

C-CAW
C-CAW
C-CAW
C-CAW
C-CAW
C-CAW
TK
TK
TK
TK
!!

WILD7
CHK

Yup!
Back again!
Hey! I'm back!
Safe and sound!
.....
OWE YOU BIG TIME, SHOGO.
AGAIN.
SH-CHK

WE HAD TO MOVE ON. NORIKO INSISTED. IT HELPED PASS THE TIME.
KEPT ON WITH THAT BIRDCALL.
GUESS YOU FIGURED IT'D BE TOO WET FOR SIGNAL FIRES?
HUH?
!!
I MEAN, IT'S MUCH TOO GOOD-LOOKING TO BE SHOGO.
THIS IS ME, RIGHT?
DO MY EARS REALLY STICK OUT LIKE THAT? I MEAN, REALLY?
NOT BAD...
!!
Hey I'm back
Sorry Sour

A BIT WIDE, YOU THINK?
AND THE NOSE...
.....
YOU CAME BACK.
.....
ALL IN ALL, NOT TOO BAD.
.....

SEE THAT? SEE THAT LOOK?
THAT'S ALL YOURS, SHU.
THAT'S WHY YOU DO IT. THAT'S WHY YOU DO RIGHT BY HER.
YOU CAME BACK!

GOT TO WORK ON THE EARS THOUGH. NAME'S SHUUYA, NOT DUMBO.

I'LL BE WAITING. RIGHT HERE.
.....
COUNT ON IT!
MISSED YOU TOO, NORI.
MISSED YOU MORE THAN YOU'LL EVER KNOW.

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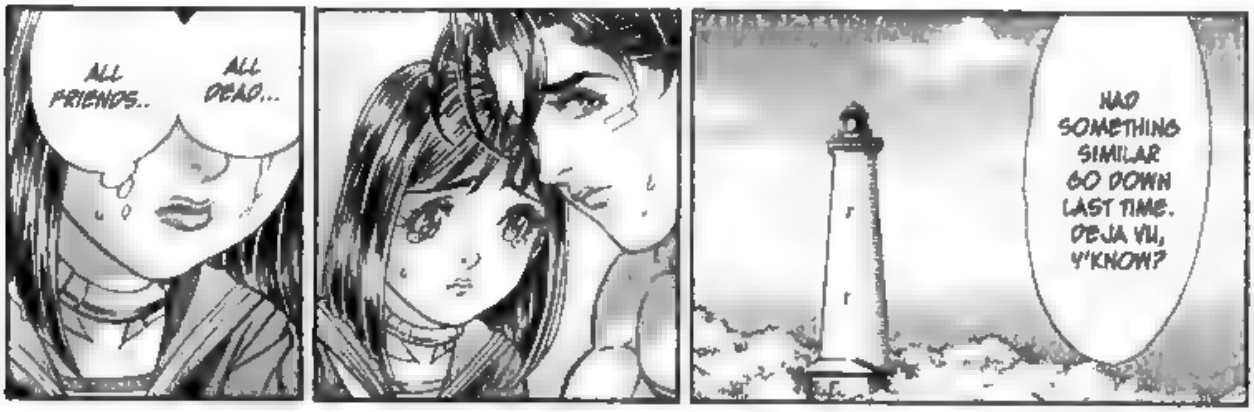
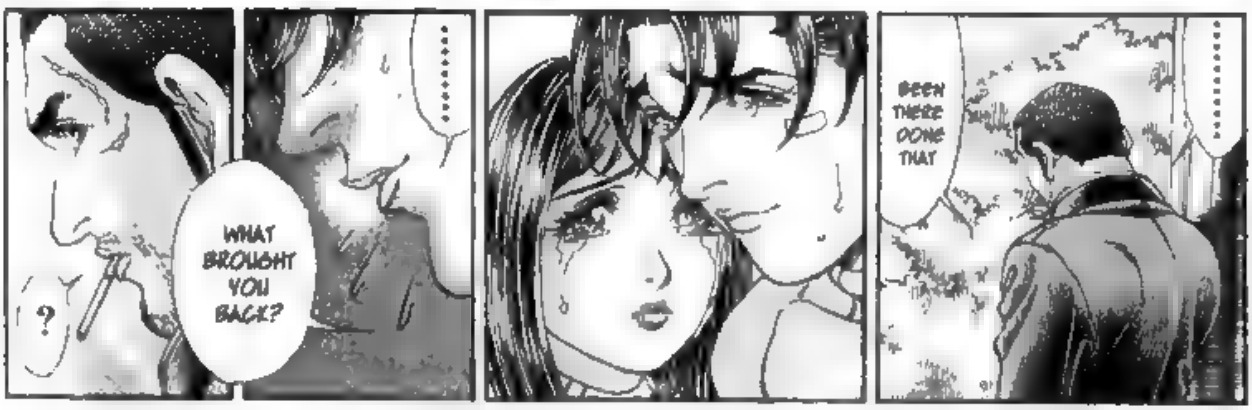
CHAPTER 79: Faith

THERE.
NORIKO, SEE TO IT THOSE BANDAGES FIT SNUG.
STITCH AND RUN? WHAT KIND OF BEDSIDE MANNER IS THAT?
SNUG RIGHT
THAT'S, AH... THANKS, NORI.
SNUG ENOUGH?
.....
CHRIST
YOU TWO WANNA RELAX? IT'S A BANDAGE, NOT A CONDOM.
!!

SORRY. DIDN'T MEAN THAT THE WAY IT SOUNDED. IT'S JUST...AIN'T NOTHING YOU'VE SAID SINCE GETTING BACK'S ANYTHING I WANT TO HEAR.
.....
THAT WHOLE LIGHT-HOUSE FIASCO.


ALL FRIENDS..
ALL DEAD...
HAD SOMETHING SIMILAR GO DOWN LAST TIME. DEJA VU, Y'KNOW?

OVERWHELMING.
I ALMOST LOST IT MYSELF. AFTER THE LIGHTHOUSE.. MIMURA. .NO, I DID LOSE IT.
.....
...TRUST BECOMES HARDER AND HARDER TO COME BY. THE FEAR. IT GROWS HUGE.
.....
IT GETS HARDER. AS IT GOES ON...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WHAT BROUGHT YOU BACK?
.....
BEEN THERE DONE THAT
.....

NOT TALKING, EH? FIGURED AS MUCH. KNOW WHAT BROUGHT ME BACK?
EVERYONE I COULDN'T SAVE. REMEMBER YUMIKO AND YUKIKO? THE OBSERVATION POST?
THEY DIED WHILE WE WATCHED.

YOU SAID YOU THOUGHT THEY MIGHT BE HEROES BECAUSE THEY DID THE RIGHT THING.
WHAT DOES THAT MAKE US? WE WATCHED WHILE THEY DIED. WE DIDN'T EVEN TRY.
BECAUSE IF WE'D DONE ANYTHING, WE'D BE DEAD, TOO. THAT'S THE WAY THE PROGRAM WORKS. THAT'S HOW THEY GET YOU!
FEAR.

THEY DID THE RIGHT THING AND DIED FOR IT JUST LIKE YUKIKO AND YUMIKO.
THE GIRLS AT THE LIGHTHOUSE THEY SAVED MY LIFE. YUKIE... KAZUKA...
SHANYA, DON'T

I LIKE TO THINK I DID THE RIGHT THING WHEN I LURED OFF KIRIYAMA. HE ALMOST GOT ME. ALMOST.
BUT HE DIDN'T BECAUSE THOSE GIRLS...
THEY DID THE RIGHT THING AND I LIVED.
FOR NORIKO...
I HONOR THEIR MEMORIES.
EVERYONE WHO DID THE RIGHT THING WHEN IT COUNTED MOST.
THE RIGHT THING...
ME? I'VE GOT ONE MORE RIGHT THING NEEDS DOING.

AND THAT'S ALL I'M SAYING ON THE MATTER...
...SO DON'T BOTHER ASKING FOR MORE.
THAT'S WHAT BROUGHT ME BACK. THAT'S WHAT KEEPS ME GOING.
.....
MORE THAN ENOUGH
IT'S ENOUGH.
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THERE YOU SEE?
SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE.
!
JUST LET ME ADD SOME RICE FOR BODY..
GOT SOME CORN SOUP ON THE BOIL HERE PUT THAT MOUTH'A YOURS TO GOOD USE.
SWEAR TO .NEVER KNOWN ANYONE TAKES SO MANY WORDS TO SAY SO LITTLE
YOU MAKE SURE HE EATS IT ALL, NORI. GOES FOR YOU TOO BODY NEEDS FUEL AND THAT'S A FACT.
.....
WON'T PASS FOR MEDICINE, BUT IT'LL SHORE UP YOUR DEFENSES, AND THAT'LL DO FOR NOW
I HEARD THAT, SHU. YOU'RE EATING NO EXCUSES. FORCE IT IF YOU HAVE TO.
GOOD
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.....
DON'T WORRY
I'LL CHOKE IT DOWN.
MORE OUT THERE DOING THE WRONG THING, YOU FOLLOW? FROM HERE ON IT GETS HINKY.
GAME AIN'T OVER, SHU. NOT BY A LONG SHOT

I THINK YOU KNOW WHERE THIS MAY BE HEADING. GOOD.
JUST AS LONG AS YOU REALIZE THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES. OKAY?
OKAY.
.....
.....
I KNOW.
THERE'S JUST US. THE THREE OF US.
JUST...
...THE THREE OF US TRYING TO DO THE RIGHT THING.
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.....
TRYING...
.....

TRY AND HOPE IT'S THE RIGHT THING...
H-AH!
H-HUH!
BECAUSE THAT'S ALL WE CAN DO.
H-HUH!
HUH! HF!
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FEEL THE PULSE, DAUGHTER, THE THROB OF OUR DESIRE...
CLOSE THE SEAL AND BIND OUR POWER TO YOUR WILL!
EXCELLENT, DAUGHTER OF DESTINY!

TAKE OF US WHAT YOU WILL. CRAVE US, DAUGHTER.
OPEN YOURSELF TO OUR CARESS.
H-H...
H-H...
H-H...
H-H...
H-H...
H-H..
H-H...
H-H..
FULFILL ME.
MAKE ME ONE FROM MANY.
.....
H-HA
H-H.
MASTERS?
.....
?
DOUBT? DO WE SENSE DOUBT?
SPEAK, DAUGHTER.

THE WARRIORS IN WAITING...
THE OTHERS... THEY...
WHY WERE THEY ALLOWED TO DIE?
WAS IT DESTINED THAT THEY DIE NEVER KNOWING? THAT THEY DIE... THAT THEY...
I LOVED THEM.
SO CERTAIN OF THAT, ARE YOU?
SO CERTAIN THAT THEY DIED NOT KNOWING?
.....
THEY SERVED THE PURPOSE SET FORTH FOR THEM. WHAT MORE NEED YOU KNOW?
!!
WHERE IS YOUR FAITH, DAUGHTER?
.....
WHY MUST I GO ON ALONE?!
THEN WHY DID YOU ALLOW THEM TO BE TAKEN FROM ME?!

LET THE SCALES BE LIFTED FROM YOUR EYES!
...JOYOUS TIDINGS!
I BRING HARMONIOUS TRUTH!
KNOWLEDGE BURNS, DAUGHTER. HAVE YOU SO SOON FORGOTTEN?
SUCH IS THE WAY.

WEAK-WILLED SUPPLICANTS, THEIR SOULS RIVEN WITH DOUBT... WOULD YOU ELEVATE SUCH AS THEY?
S-SURE IS.
THAT'S...UH... THAT'S GREAT, MIZU. REALLY... GREAT....

THEY SERVED THEIR PURPOSE...
NO.
.....
.....

THEY SERVED OUR PURPOSE.
!!
NOW, DAUGHTER... OPEN YOURSELF...
FEEL US! TAKE OF US! REJOICE, DAUGHTER!
YES...
ONE FROM MANY! DAUGHTER OF DESTINY! THE VESSEL FILLED TO BRIMMING! FEEL US! FEEL US!!

M-MIZUHO...
MIZUHO, ONE FROM MANY...
KNOW THAT YOU ARE ONE FROM MANY! THE LIGHT AND THE WAY! EMBRACE US!
DAUGHTER OF DESTINY! PROPHESIED SCION! CELESTIAL MADONNA! SPEAK YOUR NAME!

TAKE OF US!
KNOW THAT AS LONG AS THE SEAL REMAINS UNBROKEN, NO HARM CAN COME TO YOU.
KNOW THAT AS LONG AS YOU REMAIN CHASTE IN THOUGHT AND DEED, NONE CAN STAND AGAINST YOU!

DAUGHTER OF DESTINY!!

WILD 7
...IT'S ONLY GONNA GET WORSE.
...AT THIS POINT...
ALL I'M SAYING IS...
.....
UGLY DOESN'T EVEN BEGIN TO DESCRIBE WHAT'S COMING.
IT'S JUST "LUCKY" STIFFS LIKE US AND THE HARDCORE PLAYERS NOW.
.....
SET THAT STRAIGHT IN YOUR HEADS.
DOING THE RIGHT THING... IT MIGHT MEAN BLOWING SOMEONE'S HEAD OFF.

COMES TO IT, DO THE RIGHT THING.
SURVIVING CONTESTANTS: 7 and counting...

BATTLE ROYALE

SHIRO IWA Junior High School - Grade 9/Class B - Student Roster

Boys: 21 - Girls: 21 - Total: 42

15: Noriko Nakagawa

8: Kayoko Kotohiki

1: Mizuho Inada

15: Shuuya Nanahara

8: Yoji Kuramoto

1: Yoshio Akamatsu

16: Yuka Nakagawa

9: Yuko Sakaki

2: Yukio Utsumi

16: Kazushi Niida

9: Hiroshi Kuronaga

2: Keita Iijima

17: Satomi Noda

10: Hirono Shimizu

3: Megumi Etou

17: Mitsuru Numai

10: Ryuhei Sasagawa

3: Tatsumichi Ooki

18: Fumiyo Fujiyoshi

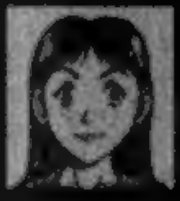
11: Mitsuko Souma

4: Sakura Ogawai

18: Tadakatsu Hatagami

11: Hiroki Sugimura

4: Toshinori Oda


19: Chisato Matsui

12: Haruka Tanizawa

5: Izumi Kanai

19: Shinji Mimura

12: Yutaka Sato

5: Shogo Kawada

20: Kaori Minami

13: Takako Chigusa

6: Yukiko Kitano

20: Kyoichi Motobuchi

13: Yuichiro Takiguchi

6: Kazuo Kiriyama

21: Yoshimi Yahagi

14: Mayumi Tendo

7: Yumiko Kusaka

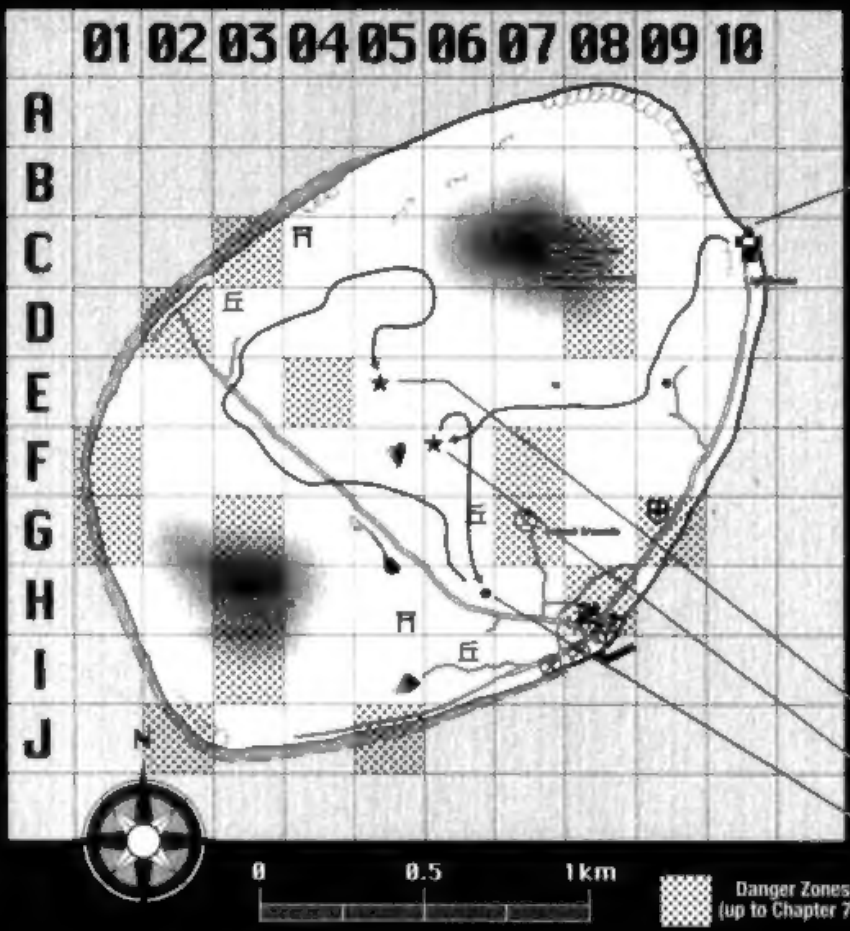
21: Kazuhiko Yamamoto

14: Sho Tsukioka

7: Yoshitoki Kuninobu

THE PROGRAM: UPDATE

CHAPTERS 72-79



PROGRAM CONDITIONS:

All members of the class must kill each other until one survivor remains • All students are supplied with a ration of food, a map of the island, and a weapon • All students will wear an explosive bomb collar that also monitors life signs • Students are free to move about the island but must stay out of designated danger zones that will frequently change locations • If there is more than one survivor at the end of the game, the remaining bomb collars will be detonated.

CHAPTERS 72-75

Yuko chooses her own destiny while Shuuya looks on helplessly.

CHAPTERS 78-79

The joyous reunion.

CHAPTERS 77-78

Shuuya receives a message from a dearly departed friend.

CHAPTERS 76-77 & 79

Mizuho finally meets her god.